

Name as Metaphor The 104 Names of God

The following list is a collection of 104 “names” used for God in the *siddur*. These are not literal names for God. Rather, they are reflections of different beliefs or characteristics of God in the Jewish tradition. You will find certain “names” meaningful and others very far from what you believe about God. No matter what your reaction is to an individual name, the important concept to understand is that ALL language about God in our tradition is **METAPHOR**, representative language of different understandings of God in Judaism. We can only describe God in language that we can understand because God is not a tangible, physical being. Explore the names and discover some of what you believe about God through our God metaphors.

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| 1) Adonai, “My Lord” | 47) The Redeemer | 93) The Generous One |
| 2) King | 48) The Guide | 94) The Eternal |
| 3) Lord | 49) Our God, God of Our Ancestors | 95) Hidden of Hiddens |
| 4) The True God | 50) God of Avraham | 96) Ancients of Ancients |
| 5) The Divinity | 51) God of Isaac | 97) The First Cause |
| 6) The Fear of Isaac | 52) God of Jacob | 98) World-Soul |
| 7) Mighty One of Jacob | 53) The Mighty One | 99) Absolute Spirit |
| 8) El, The God of (The Patriot) Israel | 54) The Heroic One | 100) Absolute Rest |
| 9) Most High | 55) Acquirer of All | 101) The Power that Makes for Salvation |
| 10) Everlasting God | 56) The Living Lord | 102) The Power that Makes for the Fulfillment of All Valid Ideals |
| 11) God Almighty | 57) Rescuer | 103) Lord, Man of War |
| 12) God of Vision | 58) Reviver of the Dead | 104) The Lord Who Hides God’s Face |
| 13) God of the Covenant | 59) Father of Mercy | |
| 14) Everlasting King | 60) The Merciful One | |
| 15) Everlasting Rock | 61) The Merciful | |
| 16) Ancient God | 62) The Holy God | |
| 17) Everlasting Arms | 63) The Place | |
| 18) Everlasting Life | 64) The Might | |
| 19) YHWH, “He Causes to Be” | 65) The Faithful One | |
| 20) I am that I am | 66) Lord of the Universe | |
| 21) Lord of Hosts | 67) He Who Spoke and the Universe Came into Being | |
| 22) Creator of Heaven and Earth | 68) Our Father in Heaven | |
| 23) Holy One | 69) The Infinite | |
| 24) Holy One of Israel | 70) The Possessor of Will | |
| 25) Shepherd of Israel | 71) Hosts | |
| 26) The Rock | 72) King of Compassion and Mercy | |
| 27) King of Israel | 73) Rock of our Lives | |
| 28) The God of Truth | 74) The Good One | |
| 29) Former of All | 75) He Who is Merciful | |
| 30) Praiseworthy God | 76) Maker of Peace | |
| 31) Guardian of Israel | 77) “Thankworthy God” | |
| 32) Shield of Abraham | 78) The Holy King | |
| 33) Rock of Israel | 79) Master of All | |
| 34) King over the king of kings | 80) The Creator | |
| 35) The Name | 81) God Who Caused God’s Name to Dwell in this House | |
| 36) The Holy One, Praised be God | 82) Our Father, Our King | |
| 37) Heaven | 83) Our Shepherd | |
| 38) Peace | 84) Mighty One of Israel | |
| 39) I | 85) Our Healer | |
| 40) Judge of the Earth | 86) Mentor | |
| 41) The Awesome One | 87) The Living God of Majesty | |
| 42) My Rock | 88) Sovereign | |
| 43) Eternal One of Israel | 89) The Compassionate One | |
| 44) Ever-living God | 90) The Patient One | |
| 45) Lover of God’s People Israel | 91) The Bountiful One | |
| 46) The Ransomer | 92) The One Who is Forgiveness | |